

NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

INTELLIGENCE HERE GATHERED
COVERS WIDE AREA.

GREATER OR LESSER IMPORT

Includes What is Going On at Wash-
ington and in Other Sections of
the Country.

WASHINGTON.

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The senate passed without division
a compromise bill to regulate trading
in cotton.

Senator Cummins announced that
he will address the senate on the
financial condition of the railroads of
the country and the result of govern-
mental regulation of transportation.

The state department has been
notified that the Haitian government
has paid the defaulted interest for Feb-
ruary on its national railroad bonds,
with the addition of the interest to
March 24. The report did not say
how the money had been raised.

Secretary Daniels favors Senator
Weeks' proposal to have a line of fast
naval cruisers carry mails, passengers
and freight between the United
States and South American ports. The
two conferred on the preliminary in-
vestigation to determine the feasibility
and cost of such a plan.

Wade H. Cooper, a local bank pres-
ident, who recently lodged charges at
the White house against Justice Dan-
iel T. Wright of the district supreme
court, was indicted by the grand jury
on charges of criminal libel. The
charges were referred to the house
judiciary committee and dismissed.

Regulations issued by the immigra-
tion bureau to govern the admission
and return of Chinese—participating
in the Panama-Pacific exposition pro-
vide that careful record shall be kept
of all such Chinese, that they shall
leave the country within thirty days
after the close of the exposition and
that once each week an immigration
inspector shall ascertain by personal
observation whether they are still em-
ployed at the exposition.

Trust legislation was again consid-
ered by the senate committee on in-
terstate commerce, and it was an-
nounced later that regulations of hold-
ing companies was the only feature
on which agreement had not been
reached. Senators Robinson of Ar-
kansas and Cummins of Iowa were
named as a subcommittee to draft a
section of the proposed anti-trust bill
relating to this phase of big business.

Secretary Daniels reported to con-
gress that coal from the Bering river
fields in Alaska was unsuitable for
use by the navy. Tests by the geo-
logical survey, by officials at Annapo-
lis and aboard the naval cruiser
Maryland, he said, all were unfavor-
able except that the Alaskan coal
made less smoke. The report stated
that the Bering coal was incapable of
generating sufficient steam and could
produce only 50 per cent efficiency of
power.

DOMESTIC.

Colonel George W. Goethals and his
wife have arrived at Colon from the
United States. With them were Dr.
Marshall Guthrie, chief quarantine of-
ficer, and W. H. May, the newly ap-
pointed marshal of the Canal zone.

Two hundred and fifty hotel prop-
rietors of San Francisco agreed in an
executive session of their association
not to raise their charges above the
rates now prevailing during the year
of the Panama-Pacific International
exposition.

Increase on freight rates on cement
ranging from 1 to 2 cents a hundred
pounds, proposed by railroads operat-
ing throughout the middle west and
northwest have been suspended by
the Interstate Commerce commission
at Washington until July 30. The
proposed advances average about 15
per cent.

Under a silken black banner, bear-
ing in blood-red letters the inscrip-
tion, "demolitions," 1,000 men and wo-
men—anarchists, the unemployed and
members of the industrial workers of
the world—marched up Fifth avenue
in New York for miles without wait-
ing to ask the city authorities the
permit required by ordinance.

Charged with obtaining money un-
der false pretences from the Fidelity
Trust company of Tacoma, Wash.,
O. B. Tonder, formerly of that city,
was arrested on the steamer Alastair,
which arrived at Halifax.

Chicago's registration list was re-
duced to below 670,000 by striking off
the names of approximately 20,000
persons who failed to respond to "sus-
pect" notices. More than 25,000 of
these notices were mailed, 1,655 in
the First ward where there are a large
number of cheap lodging houses.

An anonymous cash gift of \$50,000
has been received at New York by
the board of foreign missions of the
Methodist Episcopal church, to be
added to the permanent fund for the
care of retired missionaries.

Kansas last year produced 5,000,000
bushels of potatoes.

Gold filled teeth have been found in
the jaws of skeleton exhumed in
Pompeii.

The bill providing for the submis-
sion to the voters of a constitutional
amendment for state-wide prohibition
was killed in the Maryland house of
delegates.

President Ellen B. Pendleton an-
nounced at Wellesley, Mass., that ar-
rangements made since the recent
fire which destroyed college hall as-
sured the resumption of sessions at
Wellesley college on April 7.

E. R. Kiger, alias E. R. Jordan,
pleaded guilty in federal court at De-
troit to operating a wholesale mail
order swindling business at Trenton,
a Detroit suburb, and was sentenced
to pay a fine of \$1,000 and spend five
years in prison.

A plea for half a million dollars
more to provide for retired Methodist
ministers and their families was made
by Rev. Dr. L. C. Clemens of Des
Moines at the formal opening of the
seventy-fourth annual session of the
New England southern conference of
the Methodist Episcopal church at
Willimantic, Conn.

A strong stand for prohibition was
taken at Bangor by Maine progress-
ives at their first state convention to
nominate candidates. Their platform
advocated the submission of the ques-
tion of national prohibition to the
people of every state and pledged the
party to a strict state-wide enforce-
ment of the prohibition liquor law.

Indictments growing out of the re-
cent street car rioting at Terre Haute,
Ind., have been returned against Chief
of Police Edward Holler, Edgar L.
Brown, a labor leader, and Hilton Red-
man, an attorney and politician, who
are charged jointly in one indictment
with conspiracy to cause the riots for
the purpose of causing injury to the
property of the traction company.

The new Massachusetts law prohib-
iting employment of children between
14 and 16 years of age more than
eight hours a day resulted in the dis-
charge during the first year of 4,000
out of between 25,000 and 30,000 em-
ployed, according to a special report
filed with Governor Walsh by the La-
bor and Industries commission at
Boston.

Mrs. John T. Sterling, a former
vice president general of the national
society, Daughters of the American
Revolution, who was largely instru-
mental in getting double steps put on
open trolley cars in Connecticut in
place of the single high steps, is dead
at her home at Bridgeport, Conn., at
the age of 56. Death occurred from
cancer.

Charles Kenlock, who shot Ora
Griffin, a waitress; killed Mrs. Anna
S. Phillips and then attempted to end
his own life in a Philadelphia restau-
rant February 21, has been held to
await the action of the grand jury.
Both Kenlock and Miss Griffin have
practically recovered their wounds
which it was at first thought would
prove fatal.

The Michigan motor car tax law,
passed at the last session of the legis-
lature providing for a tax of 50 cents
per horsepower on motor vehicles, has
been declared unconstitutional by the
Michigan supreme court at Lansing.
It was said at the secretary of state's
office that approximately \$226,000 has
been collected under the new law and
this money will now be returned to
automobile owners with the exception
of \$3, which was the tax under the
provisions of the old law.

FOREIGN.

Madame Caillaux, in her prelimi-
nary examination before Magistrate
Henri Bouchard at Paris, recounted
the motives which induced her to
kill Gaston Calmette, editor of Figaro.
She was taken from Saint Lazare.

John Lind, President Wilson's en-
voy, may make a trip of observation
over that portion of the Mexican re-
public controlled by the federals, as
a result of the conference at Vera
Cruz with the Mexican foreign min-
ister, Jose Poppe Portillo y Rojas.
The recommendation was made by the
minister, who said Mr. Lind appeared
to be favorably impressed.

Legalized gambling in France has
increased so enormously that the gov-
ernment has decided it ought to get
a greater share of the profits. Under
an act passed in 1907 the state has
been getting 15 per cent of the gross
receipts. A parliamentary commis-
sion has brought in a recommendation
that from the gross incomes of gam-
bling casinos the state should have 3
per cent on incomes less than \$2,000
up to 45 per cent on incomes exceed-
ing \$1,000,000, according to a gradu-
ated scale.

The rebel net about Torreon and
vicinity was drawn closer and General
Herrera fought the most important en-
gagement of the advance near Ha-
cienda Santa Clara, twenty-two miles
north of Torreon.

King George of England has assum-
ed the role of peacemaker in an effort
to prevent threatened trouble in Ul-
ster. Just what the result of his ma-
jesty's conciliatory move will be is
a matter of conjecture, but it is
known that the king is using every
influence to avert the bloodshed.

FEDS ARE YIELDING

REBELS SLOWLY BUT SURELY
GAINING GROUND.

GENERAL CARRANZA AT JAUZEC

Titular Head of Revolution Ends
Long Journey Through Desert
at Border City.

Juarez, Mex.—An official message
from the front states that fighting is
still going on for the possession of
Torreon.

The telegram says the rebels now
hold all positions except the main
barracks and two smaller barracks. In
the last twenty-four hours it is re-
ported that General Villa has taken Cerro
de la Cruz and the Torreon foundry.

Another telegram admits a rebel
loss of 900 killed and wounded, and
places the federal loss at 2,000. As
there are already at Chihuahua 500
wounded, the report of rebel losses is
thought to have been minimized.
Among the rebels wounded is General
Tomas Urbina.

It is said that private soldiers taken
prisoners are being received into
the rebel ranks, but their officers are
executed, unless they take the oath
of allegiance to the constitutionalist
cause. All irregular troops in the
federal garrison are executed upon
capture.

The attack on Torreon began last
Friday, and rebel advances, private and
official were that General Monclovia
Herrera had taken some of the most
important points in the city.

There have been no news dispatches
dealing with this attack, and the
similarity of this situation with that
at Gomez Palacio is pointed out as
significant. When Villa was success-
ful there he permitted the newspaper
men to send their dispatches, but
when he was repulsed, as he was
twice, press messages suddenly
ceased.

In Juarez it was confidently ex-
pressed that news of the capture of
the city would form the chief feature
of the welcome to General Carranza,
and the fact that no message of suc-
cess of any kind was awaiting him
was accepted as indicating that the
fate of the city was still in the
balance.

Attempt to Settle Strike Ends.

Buffalo, N. Y.—A conference called
at the request of the State Board of
Mediation to arrange terms to settle
the strike at the Gould Coupler at
Depew ended in a deadlock.

The strikers waived their demand
for a closed shop which precipitated
the strike. They asked for reinstatement
of all strikers within fifteen
days without prejudice because of
union affiliation. Superintendent
George W. Hayden, representing the
company, refused to concede this
point. Reinstatement within three
months was the best condition he
would offer.

Reserve Banks Named Soon.

Washington.—President Wilson,
Secretary McAdoo and postmaster
General Burleson had a talk about
the location of federal reserve banks.
Mr. Burleson is said to be interested
in the selection of a southern city for
a reserve bank. The list of reserve
banks that are to be located will be
announced this coming week by the
organization committee.

The president is expected to name
the federal reserve board soon after
the organization makes its announce-
ment.

Violent Earth Tremors Recorded.

St. Louis.—Violent earth shocks
lasting one hour and twenty-four min-
utes were recorded on the seismo-
graph of St. Louis university. The in-
strument indicated that the distur-
bances occurred about 1,800 miles
southwest of here. It is the belief
of officials at the university that the
earthquake occurred in the southern
part of Mexico or Central America.

Railroads Agree to Send Committee.

London.—A committee of seven
managers of different British railways
has been appointed to meet a commit-
tee of the railway trades unions to
discuss a conciliation scheme. This
is the first time the railways have
recognized the unions or agreed to
negotiate direct with them and the rail-
way employees regard it as a victory
for their organizations.

Designates "Fire Prevention Day."

Sacramento, Cal.—April 18, the
eight anniversary of the great San
Francisco fire, was designated as
"fire prevention day" in a proclama-
tion issued by Governor Johnson.

Roosevelt Still on the Duvida.

Rio Janeiro, Brazil.—Theodore
Roosevelt and his exploring party are
still proceeding down the Duvida
river on their way to Manaus, Brazil,
according to a dispatch from Colonel
Rondon, the representative of the
government with the expedition.

Eleven Workmen Drowned.

Brunsduelle, Germany.—Eleven
workmen were drowned when a sus-
pended cable car fell into a lock of
the Kiel canal while they were cross-
ing from one side to the other.

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

The Nebraska D. A. R. will meet in
Omaha next year.

York county has organized a "good
roads" association.

The state Sunday school convention
will be held at Aurora in June.

Saunders county schools will visit
the state farm at Lincoln next week.

Blair is making strenuous efforts to
rid itself of dives and gambling dens.

T. J. Majors of Peru will deliver an
address at Seward on Decoration day.

Elder L. E. Snapp has been secured
as pastor of the Christian church at
Stella.

The Wahoo Commercial club cele-
brated its twelfth anniversary with a
banquet.

Fremont will get the next meeting
of the Nebraska Royal Neighbors of
America.

Walter Warwick of Scribner fell
from a hay loft and sustained a frac-
tured skull.

Monday was the anniversary of the
tornado that left several Nebraska
towns in ruins.

A summer chautauqua course prob-
ably will be held in Havelock during
July and August.

The Fairbury district of the Metho-
dist conference will meet at Tobias,
April 21 and 22.

Plattsmouth public schools are over-
crowded, and additional buildings have
become a necessity.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed
the buildings and stock of the Zaugg
Lumber company at Leshara.

A syndicate of farmers has pur-
chased the Snyder roller mills and
elevator at the village of Snyder.

There was not a single Indian or
negro born in Richardson county in
1913. There were 453 white births.

The Sisters' school of St. Mary's
parish in David City has been closed
temporarily on account of scarlet
fever.

Fire starting from a defective flue
completely destroyed the home of
Herman Brandt in Glenover, near
Beatrice.

Dawes county farmers have engaged
George Schaefer, a graduate of the
Colorado agricultural school, as farm
demonstrator.

The Southeastern Nebraska Educa-
tional association will hold its twenty-
first annual meeting in Lincoln on
April 1, 2 and 3.

W. W. Perrin, a Lincoln man, was
held up and relieved of his spare
change on a downtown street at eight
o'clock in the evening.

There are 5,210 communicants of
the Protestant Episcopal church in
the Nebraska diocese, according to the
church annual just issued.

Plans are being drawn for the erec-
tion of a \$50,000 library building at
Burwell and a \$16,000 high school
building may be erected.

The city of Hebron will vote this
spring by direct vote upon three ques-
tions, viz: Sunday baseball, licensed
pool halls, and the saloons.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Ireland of
Brock celebrated their sixty-third wed-
ding anniversary last week. Mr. Ire-
land is 88 and Mrs. Ireland is 78 years
old.

The Central Nebraska Agricultural
association has leased an eighty-two
acre tract west of Grand Island for a
fair ground. The land may be pur-
chased later.

A little son of John Bath, Jr., of
Auburn, was playing with a cartridge,
hit it with a hammer and was struck
in the eye by a piece of the shell and
quite badly hurt.

The Bridgeport Commercial club is
urging a \$15,000 sewer bond issue.
The club is also taking steps to aid
the management of the Morrill County
Fair association.

In honor of the thirty-five year
record of service held by Chief Clerk
John M. Butler, an informal reception
was given by the railway mail clerks
of the Lincoln division.

Local chapters of the Sons of the
American Revolution are to be estab-
lished in Fairbury, Lincoln and Fre-
mont. Heretofore the organization
has existed only as a state society.

Church members at Hastings
threaten a boycott if the Sunday base-
ball election carries in that place.

Walter Dye, aged 36, a well known
young business man of Kearney, was
dropped dead in the billiard room of
the Midway hotel at that place.

A large upper molar of the Colum-
bian mammoth was found recently by
George Goodman of Alexandria. It
has been donated to the state museum.

The Stanton county fair will be held
September 1 to 5. The premium list
is about ready and the different
amusements that will be secured for
the fair are engaged.

The women's park association at
Grand Island has decided to include
all school grounds in their campaign
for a beautiful Grand Island.

At an enthusiastic meeting of Fair-
bury Presbyterians it was decided to
erect a new church at the cost of
\$15,000. A committee was appointed
to secure funds for the new building.

The civic center proposal to use
the present high school building and
site at Hastings for a city hall is be-
ing advanced. It is suggested that a
new high school building be erected
on a site farther from the business
district.

The remodeled German Lutheran
church at Kearney was dedicated on
March 15. Three services were held
and luncheon and dinner were served
at the church.

Arthur Wilmes, 13 years old, at
Roseland, will probably lose the sight
of one eye as a result of the accidental
discharge of an air rifle in the hands
of a playmate.

Little Eunice West, the 2-year-old
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. West
of Grand Island, captured a prize in
a baby show at Corpus Christi, Texas,
while the family were sojourning there
a short time ago.

PENALTY FOR GAME LAW VIOLATION

COSTS FROM \$1 TO \$300 FOR
SHOOTING DUCKS.

GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

Items of Interest Gathered from Re-
liable Sources and Presented in
Condensed Form to Our
Readers.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.
Game Law Penalty.

In most of the statements issued by
the government no mention is made
of the penalty for killing water fowl
during the closed season prescribed
by regulations of the department of
agriculture. Mr. Lane, United States
district attorney for Nebraska, has re-
ceived details of the regulations which
show that the penalty for spring
shooting is a fine of from \$1 to \$300.
The penalty is not based on a certain
amount for each bird killed, but is left
to the discretion of the judge of the
federal court who imposes the fine.

It is reported that ducks are being
shot in Nebraska, but thus far no ar-
rests have been made by the United
States marshal or his deputy. No
other persons have power to make ar-
rests.

Lack of Crops Cause of Deficit.

The principal cause of the mainte-
nance fund at the state penitentiary is
due to the lack of crops on the prison
farm last year, and the large amount
of coal required to operate the power
plant at the institution, according to a
statement made by Warden Fenton.

This plant furnishes power and light
for the prison and the shops and also
for the state house, orthopedic hospi-
tal, and the governor's mansion. The
coal bill amounted to \$1,700 a month.
As there were no crops on the prison
farm last year feed for stock had to
be bought. Also, most of the meat
fed to the prisoners is now bought and
the price is higher than it was a few
years ago. The last legislature appro-
priated a total of \$130,000 for mainte-
nance, not including \$17,900 for the sa-
laries of officers. At this time 73 per
cent of the maintenance fund has been
expended.

To Limit Number of Entries.

Plans for the next better babies con-
test at the Nebraska state fair are be-
ing evolved and Mrs. M. E. Vance and
her advisers are considering methods
of handling the situation. It has been
suggested that the number of entries
be limited to about 200. In order to
bring this about two plans have been
suggested. The first scheme is a series
of county drawings. By means of these
the number of entries are reduced
and the lucky ones allowed to
compete at the state fair. Another
plan includes the services of a commit-
tee in each county to eliminate a num-
ber of the contestants and reduce
them in proportion to the number of
entries.

Health Train for Nebraska.

A health train, to traverse the state
and spread knowledge of sanitary con-
ditions and initiate health campaigns
in all towns and villages where board
of health laws have been dead letters
since time immemorial, may be an
activity soon to be indulged in by the
board of secretaries of the state board
of health. In discussing the problem,
President Carr of that body said that
the railroads are willing to meet the
board more than half way in the mat-
ter and the railway commission has
given permission for the necessary
staff to go along free of charge with-
out violating the anti-pass law.

Fire Commissioner is Worked Up.

The convict night school classes at
the state penitentiary are meeting
with great success, according to offi-
cials at the prison. The enrollment
has increased since the school re-
sumed its sessions and the plan of
dividing the pupils into classes in con-
sideration of their preparation has
proved a factor in stimulating inter-
est and progress. The men who could
not read when classes were organized
are now able to read simple lessons
and take great interest in improving
their writing. The large class of
slightly advanced students is reaching
for more difficult work.

Recount of Votes for Women.

An error was discovered in the
number of petitioners for votes for
the submission of equal suffrage from
Douglas county and two members of
the state suffrage association made a
recount of the names on file with the
secretary of state. They found there
were really 11,315 names from Dou-
glas county, while the number listed by
the association from that county was
only 10,315. Without this extra 1,000
the petitioners were sufficient in num-
ber to require submission of the ques-
tion to a vote of the electors this fall.
Secretary of State Walt will have an
official count made before the proposi-
tion is placed on the ballot.

State Treasurer George has Invested

the last of the \$100,000 raised by a
levy for university buildings. The
money is derived from a levy the pro-
ceeds of which is to be expended re-
gardless of university removal. The
people will vote this fall on the ques-
tion of whether or not it shall be ex-
pended on the city campus or at the
state farm. As the money is not
needed at this time the state treas-
urer proposed to invest.

NEWS FROM STATE HOUSE

Railroads of the state that have
thus far reported to the state board of
equalization and assessment for 1913
just about held their own on net earn-
ings as compared to 1912.

Company H of the farm regiment
won the rifle match held at the farm
Saturday afternoon, shooting a score
of 736. Companies F, E, G, I and L
won places in the order mentioned.

According to the records of the sec-
retary of state, 48,750 automobile
licenses have been issued in Nebraska.
It is believed that the spring and sum-
mer automobile traffic will increase
this number to more than 60,000.

By a recent ruling of the state uni-
versity senate, all titles of professors
have been reduced to a common stand-
ard. No longer will a professor be
"head professor." Instead he will be
"professor," head of _____
department.

Eighty-nine students in the school
of agriculture will receive diplomas
on commencement day, April 24.
There are seventy-two boys and seven-
teen girls. Joseph Wing of Mechanics-
burg, Ohio, will deliver the commence-
ment address.

Blanks for collecting the data for the
rural statistics of Nebraska in 1914
have been sent to the county clerks
by Secretary W. R. Mellor of the state
board of agriculture. The publication
of the statistics is paid for out of the
earnings of the state fair.

At the election of officers of the
legislative league for the coming year
the following sons were chosen:
President, G. W. Potts of Dubois; vice
president, W. H. Hoagland of Lincoln;
secretary, H. C. Richmond of Omaha;
treasurer, Charles Schappel of Pawnee
City; assistant secretary, Clyde H.
Barnard of Table Rock.

Six hundred or more Nebraskans sat
around bountiful banquet tables last
Thursday night in celebration of the
birthday of the commonwealth's great-
est citizen, W. J. Bryan, the sixth
event of its kind under the auspices of
the Lincoln Bryan club, and the fifty-
fourth birthday to which the guest of
honor is willing to acknowledge. It
was a non-partisan celebration.

Nebraska's resources and opportuni-
ties will be exploited at the Panama-
Pacific exposition. At a conference
held at the office of Governor More-
head it was decided to name a tem-
porary commission to determine ways
and means to finance the undertaking
through popular subscription. The ad-
ministration of the exhibit will be in
the hands of a commission selected by
the people.

Fifty-seven schools of the state are
on the accredited list of the North
Central Association of Colleges and
Secondary Schools, following the re-
cent meeting of the association in
Chicago. This list is separate from
the accredited list of the state univer-
sity, many schools being accredited to
the university which do not fulfill the
requirements of the North Central
association.

The eighth and last county of the
state to form a farm management
association is Dakota county. This is
the second Missouri river county in
the northeastern part of the state